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In re the application of

Burbank et al.

For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
SECURING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS
TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A
PATIENT'S BODY**

Serial No.: 10/010,213

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) Examiner: Not Assigned

) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

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) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

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Page 1, line 3, please replace the first paragraph with the following:

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This application is a divisional of copending patent application Serial No. 09/146,185, filed September 1, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of patent application Serial No. 09/057,303, filed April 13, 1998, which claims benefit to provisional patent application Serial No. 60/076,093, filed March 3, 1998, all of which applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and from which priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119(e) and 120.



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2. Claim Fee Calculation
 X No additional claim fee is required.
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Additional Claim Fee Calculation

Description	Fee Code	Claims	Extra	Rate	Fee
Independent Claims	202	5- 5 =	0 x	\$42 =	\$0
Total Claims	203	42-42 =	0 x	\$9 =	\$0

Additional Claims Fee:\$0

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